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NEARLY \$223 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING APPROVED FOR STATE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

SAN BERNARDINO – Continuing the push to rebuild and maintain California's infrastructure, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated nearly \$223 million to 109 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking.

Thirty eight biking and pedestrian projects throughout the state will receive \$10.3 million in allocations from the Active Transportation Program.

"Allocations like those made today help Caltrans continue to invest in, maintain and modernize California's transportation system," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Each of these projects is an opportunity to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in California, whether you choose to travel via car, bike or transit."

Active transportation projects funded include:

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY: This project on the Interstate 10 and Pepper Avenue Interchange is to replace the existing Pepper Avenue Bridge in Colton (\$1,158,000).

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY: This project to construct infrastructure improvements such as sidewalk, curb and gutter ADA-compliant curb ramps, and high-visibility crosswalks in the vicinity of four schools located in the City of Victorville and six schools in the City of Adelanto (\$100,000).

RIVERSIDE COUNTY: This project includes an update of the Western Riverside County Non-motorized Transportation Plan and the development of a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education Pilot Program (\$333,000).

The newly allocated funding also includes \$167.2 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 41 projects that will maintain and preserve the investment in the state highway system and its supporting infrastructure. These capital improvements consist of projects covering maintenance, pavement repair and rehabilitation, safety improvements and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

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“Preventative maintenance is the most cost-effective means of protecting the state’s infrastructure investment,” continued Director Dougherty. “We adopted a ‘fix it first’ strategy because for every \$1 spent on preventative maintenance, we can save taxpayers up to \$14 in monies that would have been spent on more expensive and extensive repairs.”

The allocations also include \$2.2 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$18 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes. The remaining \$43 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

Please see the attached file for more information about all projects that received allocations.

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